

REGION TEN  
WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS  
RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

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PADDLE AWARDS : DATE	
BRONZE	8/22/42 - Through E. K. Behund
GOLD	
SILVER	

Log of 1942 Winnebago Council  
Wilderness Canoe Trip

by  
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August 15, 1942- Saturday

Left Mason City, Iowa at 6:30A.M.--19 in the party--  
traveled in the Station Wagon(B.S.A.)and Bill Butler's  
Ted Stewart's and Norman Hansen's private cars. Kept  
around 40M.P.H.--lunch at White Bear Lake, Minn. at  
1:30P.M.--on to Duluth--took Skyline Drive, climbed  
Enger's Tower, went to the Overhead Bridge (saw an ore  
boat pass under the bridge--went on out on the point  
across the bridge--had supper at Miller's Cafeteria--  
drove on to the Brighton Beach Tourist Cabins for the  
night.

August 16, 1942-Sunday

Left Brighton Beach Tourist Cabins at 6:45A.M.--breakfast  
at Two Harbors--met a Scout from Lewiston, Ill., who  
was cycling to the Canoe Base--drove to Gooseberry Falls  
State Park--explored around a while--had a brief Church  
service, W.P. Butler gave the inspirational talk, Frank  
Quinn led hymns--drove on to and tried to see the lighthouse  
at Split Rock, but couldn't because of war restrictions--  
at Ilgen City, found construction on road to Finland, so  
drove on to Little Marais then to Finland on detour--  
drove on through the Superior National Forest to Ely--  
stopped at Community Bldg for maps--shopped a little, then  
drove on to Winton for a 2:00P.M. dinner at Ma Johnson's  
Boarding House--had everything!! WOW, what a MEAL!--  
registered at the U.S. Customs Office in Winton, then  
on to the Canoe Base on Moose Lake--arriving at 4:00P.M.  
Checked in--put up tents for the night--divided into  
two groups for the trips with Dr. A.L. Miller in charge  
of our long trip, and I in charge of the shorter one.  
The long trippers included, besides Dr. Miller, Bill Miller,  
Keith Gage, Dean Laun, Ted Stewart, all of Charles City,  
Ia.; Howard Butler, Charles Kiser, Olin Storvick, all of  
Mason City, Ia.; Frank Quinn of Waterloo, Ia; Dean Potgeter  
of Eagle Grove, Ia.; Duane Young of Clarion, Ia.--Those  
of us on the shorter trip were W.B. Butler, E.E. Hoisington  
both of Mason City, Ia; J.E. Starner, Donald Starner,  
George McBride, Clifford McBride, and Allan Powers, all  
of Hampton, Ia.; Norman Hansen, of Charles City, Ia.  
Guide for the long trip party was "Jock" Stoops, from  
Hutchinson, Kans, while the shorter trip group had  
Alvin (Al) Viste, from Winton, Minn. as Guide and  
Jerry (Pat) Patterson, box #34, Ely, as Swamper. After  
supper and a campfire with other Scouts and Scouters  
from Wis., Minn, Ill, and N. Dak, we turned in for the  
night--it rained during the night.

August 17, 1942-Monday

After breakfast, loaded canoes and pulled away from the  
Canoe Base at 8:30A.M.--I was in the same canoe with  
W.F. (Bill) Butler--paddled through Moose Lake, Newfound  
Lake, Sucker Lake and on to our first portage at Prairie  
Portage--managed a pack and the canoe O.K.(?) then  
on through Bayley Bay to the Ranger Station where we  
secured our Canadian Travel permits--started second portage  
into Burke Lake with a pack and the canoe, but gave out

and had to drop pack and canoe--continued with canoe only after Bob Conklin came along and took the pack on through.--Norman Hansen, immediately behind me, had the same experience--went on through Bunke Lake to the lift-over into Sunday Lake--lunched at this lift-over--Bob Conklin's party passed us there. After lunch we continued through Sunday Lake and portaged to Meadow Lake--after portaging tent and food packs to Lake Agnes, Pat and Al went on to our campsite near Louisa Falls while we fished for bass in Meadow Lake--Allan Powers caught 3, Bill Butler 1 and Norman Hansen 2! Not bad for the time taken.--then on to camp and supper near Louisa falls on the E. side of Agnes--a swell place--another gang from Illinois camped nearby--secured wood from beaver house--Jess Starner caught 2 Walleyes in the evening.

August 18, 1942-Tuesday

Up at 8:00A.M.--after breakfast and chores, started up Lake Agnes, leaving about 10:00A.M.--trolled enroute--Bill Butler caught one Lake Trout--lunched at a cabin--*Picture* up along the E. shore--rigged sails for use later--Norman Hansen, Bill and I were in the same canoe, then.--were last in the line of our 4 canoes, but we fished--Bill caught 1 Walleye, I caught 1, also.--we saw four beaver ~~THEN~~ Norman Hansen hitched onto a Northern *Picture* that measured 37" long! We didn't have any way of measuring with us, but we knotted a string and later measured the string and the 37" measurement was thus secured. Went into shore to land it. W.P.B. wielded the club on it.--we took movie shot of this fish--also saw a porcupine--sailed up Lake Agnes to a Campsite on an Island on the W. shore--arriving about 6:00P.M.--after supper I went fishing with Don Starner and Cliff McBride--Cliff caught a nice Northern nearly as big as Norman's.--in the evening we had baked Walleye and smoked Northern with fresh baked Apple Pie!---pretty neat!

August 19, 1942-Wednesday

Up at 7:30A.M.--after breakfast started traveling at approx. 9:30--portaged from Agnes into Silence Lake--Geo. McBride and Allan Powers caught 1 Northern, a piece--then to a beaver pond, then into Summer Lake--then through another lake then into Noon Lake--after a swim, had lunch there at Noon Lake--in afternoon, portaged into Shade Lake then across and into West Lake--we portaged then into an unnamed lake, across and into a beaver stream, over a beaver dam and then into North Bay of Basswood--stopped briefly at a houseboat in North Bay then on to a Campsite on the E. shore of the Bay.--sailed back to the beaver dam and portage above it with Norman Hansen and Don Starner to get a fish pole left there.--returned usig paddled, arriving just after sundown--after supper, we had a keen song session and a general 'bull session', laying out on the rocks on the lake shore, watching the Northern Lights and listening to the loons call across the Lake.--gosh, it was sure swell there.--to bed around 11:00P.M.

August 20, 1942-Thursday

Up at 8:00A.M., after breakfast and a campsite clean-up campaign, we started down the bay about 10:30--passed

the cabin boat again--lunched on an island S.E. of American Point in Basswood Lake--after lunch paddled on down the lake to the canadian ranger station and Campbell's Trading Post--made some purchases there--Eudenn's Bay blankets, etc.--after leaving Campbells, we went to Washington Island to a campsite there--had a swell swim, then supper--another story session--to bed at 11:15P.M.

August 21, 1942-Friday

*Picture* Up at 6:30A.M.--after breakfast, packed and set sail at 9:30 up Basswood, through Merriam Bay, through Bayley Bay and almost back to Prairie Portage--lunched at the post at the portage--after lunch and the portage, went back through Sucker Lake, New Found Lake and to a campsite on an island in Moose Lake--fished, had supper, did the usual chores--had company in the form of guides and fellows from the canoe base--I wrote up this log on some wrapping paper secured at Campbells the day before, using a paddle for a desk, and a candle for light.--it rained allittle (quite a lot, cometo think of it!)--had raisen pie and apple pie, later in the evening.--Pat baked them.

August 22, 1942 -Saturday

After breakfast-(cool weather)-cleaned up and paddled back to the Canoe Base, arriving at 10:00A.M., just as it was starting to rain--checked in supplies, etc.--dressed for road travel--the long trippers of our Council's contingent arrived back at 10:30A.M. after spending last night at Prairie Portage--got lunch at canoe base, then drove to Custom's House at Winton--then into Ely--had a Finnish Bath (Souna) and received a wire from Earle K. Behrend, our Scout Executive, saying that I should phone to Grand Rapids on out reservations there for tonight--I did this, calling the Cabin City Tourist Cabins--drove to fire tower near Soudan--on to Hibbing--saw Iron mine there--had supper at Foley's Cafe-- onto Grand Rapids for the night.

August 23, 1942-Sunday

Up at 6:30--breakfast 7:15--Hudson's Coffee Shop in Grand Rapids--then on our way--helped pull a car out of the ditch on a detour near Hill City--stopped at the Indaan Trading Post at Mile Lac Lake--had dinner at Anoka --(each car was on it's own after breakfast this morninh)--in Minneapolis, drove through Minnesota University Campus and Ft. Snelling--then on home arriving home in Mason City at 6:30P.M.

"A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE!"



Bill Butler, Council Sea Scout Commodore, and my constant canoe mate on the trip, proving that he can still handle three packs over prairie portage in spite of his 53 years.



Our neat island campsite on Lake Agnes the second night out.



View from Hill above a lunch stop at a cabin on the east shore of lower Lake Agness at noon of the second day - there were kennels cut back into the hill from which the picture was taken.